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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM  To be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)
Address of Plaintiff: 45 Boylor Ryn RD, W. Paterson, NJ 07501
Address of Defendant: 4 New York Plaza, NY NY 10004
Address of Defendant: 4 1/2W/Orn Plaza, W/ // 10004
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Libel Through The United States
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RELATED CASE, IF ANY: 18 3229
Case Number Judge: Date Terminated
Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered to any of the following questions:
Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year  yes  previously terminated action in this court?
2 Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit  Yes  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  N
Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court?
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights  Yes  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  N
I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.  DATE 7/30/18  Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff  Attorney I D # (if applicable)
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5. Patent 5 Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 6 Labor-Management Relations 6 Other Personal Injury (Please specify)
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ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION
(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration)
SMON ROSEN, ESQ, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify
Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53 2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.
Relief other than monetary damages is sought.
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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DIANA LoMORO		: CIVIL ACTION
45 Boulder Run Road		
West Paterson NJ 07501		NO. CV
AND		
AND		:
DAILY NEWS, L.P.		JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
4 New York Plaza		
New York, N.Y., 10004		:
	AND	
TRONC, INC.		
435 N. Michigan Avenue		
Chicago IL 60611		:

COMES NOW your plaintiff, DIANA LoMORO, who through her counsel, SIMON ROSEN, ESQ., respectfully Complains as follows:

#### I. JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction is proper under 28 United States Code, Section 1332, to wit, diversity of citizenship.

### II. VENUE

2. Venue is proper under applicable federal law.

#### **III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

3. Plaintiff DIANA LoMORO (hereinafter "LOMORO) is a private

adult individual and a citizen of the State of New Jersey, residing at the address indicated above.

- 4. Defendant DAILY NEWS, L.P. is a limited partnership based in the State of New York, doing business within this district as a daily newspaper; at all times material hereto, defendant DAILY NEWS, L.P. (hereinafter "DN") conducted business and acted through its agents, servants, employees, representatives, and the like, acting within their course of employment and scope of duties.
- 5. Defendant TRONC, INC. is a domestic corporation based in Chicago, IL and doing business within this District in the publishing business; defendant TRONC, INC. ("TRONC") is the parent company of co-defendant DN.
- 6. At all times relevant hereto, defendant TRONC conducted business and acted through its agents, servants, employees, representatives, and the like, acting within their course of employment and scope of duties.
- 7. In their December 19, 2017 DN daily newspaper, prominently displayed in bold type, at Page 18 under the headline, "*RACK WHACK*", defendants published an article involving illegal activities including but not limited to racketeering and prostitution (hereinafter "SUBJECT ARTICLE".
- 8. The SUBJECT ARTICLE contained an unflattering, edited photograph depicting plaintiff LoMORO. A copy of the SUBJECT ARTICLE is annexed hereto as Exhibit P-1 and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
- 9. Subsequent to the publication of the SUBJECT ARTICLE, plaintiff upon learning of the existence of the SUBJECT ARTICLE properly requested an appropriate retraction and apology from defendants, which request was flatly refused by defendants.

10. This litigation ensues.

#### **IV. PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS**

#### **COUNT I: LIBEL PER SE (DEFAMATION)**

#### (AGAINST DAILY NEWS, LP ONLY)

- 11. Paragraphs 1 through 10 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
  - 12. Under the law, actionable libel Per Se is
- a) defamatory communication;
- b) <u>published</u> by the defendant concerning the plaintiff involving criminality;
- c) understanding by the recipient of its defamatory meaning;
- d) understanding by the recipient of it as intended to be applied to the plaintiff
  - 13. Defendant DN satisfied all of the essential elements of libel Per Se.
- 14. The defamatory communication portrayed plaintiff as being linked to criminality including racketeering and prostitution, which is false.
- 15. The SUBJECT ARTICLE was published by defendant DN in its daily Daily News newspaper, at Page 18, and was made available by DN to millions of defendants' readers and customers, both in written print and digitally.
  - 16. The recipient understood of the SUBJECT ARTICLE's defamatory meaning.
- 17. The recipient understood that it was the intent of the SUBJECT ARTICLE to link plaintiff to criminality including racketeering and prostitution.
- 18. As a direct and proximate result of defendant DN's libel Per Se, plaintiff sustained serious damages, inclusive but not limited to the following:

- a) <u>General damages</u>: Past and future harm sustained to LoMORO's reputation in her community; mental and emotional anguish, and personal humiliation.
- b) <u>Special damages</u>: Lost wages- past present and future; lost business profits; loss of prospective business opportunities.
- 19. Defendant DN's conduct was outrageous, and was intentional, willful and with reckless disregard for the rights of plaintiff LoMORO, giving rise to an award of punitive damages; defendant DN carefully chose a particular unflattering photograph of plaintiff LoMORO to insert next to its egregious headline.
  - 20. Defendant DN is liable to LoMORO for Libel Per Se.

WHEREFORE, on Count I, plaintiff DIANA LoMORO demands judgment in her favor, and against defendant DAILY NEWS, as follows:

- a. For general damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);
  - b. For special damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
  - c. For punitive damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
- d. For a published retraction, apology and Order barring defendant DN from republication of the SUBJECT ARTICLE in whole or part;
  - e. For interest, reasonable counsel fees and litigation costs;
  - f. For such other relief as this Court may deem proper.

### COUNT II: LIBEL PER SE (DEFAMATION)

#### (AGAINST TRONC ONLY)

21. Paragraphs 1 through 20 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.

- 22. Under the law, actionable libel Per Se is
- a) <u>defamatory</u> communication;
- b) <u>published</u> by the defendant concerning the plaintiff involving criminality;
- c) understanding by the recipient of its defamatory meaning;
- d) understanding by the recipient of it as intended to be applied to the plaintiff
- 23. Defendant TRONC satisfied all of the essential elements of libel Per Se, because under the doctrine of respondent superior, TRON is liable for the actions and misdeeds of its wholly owned subsidiary, co-defendant DN.
- 24. The defamatory communication portrayed plaintiff as being linked to criminality including racketeering and prostitution, which is false.
- 25. The SUBJECT ARTICLE was published by defendant TRONC's subsidiary and made available to millions of defendants' readers and customers, both in written print and online digitally.
  - 26. The recipient understood of the SUBJECT ARTICLE's defamatory meaning.
- 27. The recipient understood that it was the intent of the SUBJECT ARTICLE to link plaintiff to criminality including racketeering and prostitution.
- 28. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' libel Per Se, plaintiff sustained serious damages, inclusive but not limited to the following:
- a) <u>General damages</u>: Past and future harm sustained to LoMORO's reputation in her community; mental and emotional anguish, and personal humiliation.
- b) <u>Special damages</u>: Lost wages- past present and future; lost business profits; loss of prospective business opportunities.

- 29. Defendants' conduct was outrageous, and was intentional, willful and with reckless disregard for the rights of plaintiff LoMORO, giving rise to an award of punitive damages.
  - 30. Defendant TRONC is liable to LoMORO for Libel Per Se.

WHEREFORE, on Count II, plaintiff DIANA LoMORO demands judgment in her favor, and against defendant TRONC, INC., as follows:

- a. For general damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);
  - b. For special damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
  - c. For punitive damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
- d. For a published retraction, apology and Order barring defendant TRONC from republication of the SUBJECT ARTICLE in whole or part;
  - e. For interest, reasonable counsel fees and litigation costs;
  - f. For such other relief as this Court may deem proper.

# COUNT III: INVASION OF PRIVACY (FALSE LIGHT) (AGAINST DN ONLY)

- 31. Paragraphs 1 through 30 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
- 32. Defendant DN committed an actionable civil invasion of plaintiff LoMORO's privacy rights by publishing her actual likeness and appearance for millions to see, falsely linking her to criminality including prostitution and racketeering.
- 33. As a result of DN's invasion of plaintiff's privacy presenting her in a false light, plaintiff sustained damages as aforepleaded.

34. Plaintiff is entitled to recover against defendant DN for invasion of her privacy and for DN's senseless and needless placing plaintiff LoMORO in a false light.

WHEREFORE, on Count III, plaintiff DIANA LoMORO demands judgment in her favor, and against defendant DAILY NEWS as follows:

- a. For general damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);
  - b. For special damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
  - c. For punitive damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
- d. For a published retraction, apology and Order barring defendant DAILY NEWS from re-publication of the SUBJECT ARTICLE in whole or part;
  - e. For interest, reasonable counsel fees and litigation costs;
  - f. For such other relief as this Court may deem proper.

## COUNT IV: INVASION OF PRIVACY (FALSE LIGHT) (AGAINST TRONC ONLY)

- 35. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
- 36. Defendant TRONC, through the actions of its wholly owned subsidiary DN, committed an actionable civil invasion of plaintiff LoMORO's privacy rights by publishing her actual likeness and appearance for millions to see, falsely linking her to criminality including prostitution and racketeering.
- 37. As a result of TRONC's invasion of plaintiff's privacy presenting her in a false light, plaintiff sustained damages as aforepleaded.

37B. Plaintiff is entitled to recover against defendant TRONC for invasion of her privacy and for TRONC's senseless and needless placing plaintiff LoMORO in a false light.

WHEREFORE, on Count IV, plaintiff DIANA LoMORO demands judgment in her favor, and against defendant TRONC as follows:

- a. For general damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);
  - b. For special damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
  - c. For punitive damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
- d. For a published retraction, apology and Order barring defendant TRONC from republication of the SUBJECT ARTICLE in whole or part;
  - e. For interest, reasonable counsel fees and litigation costs;
  - f. For such other relief as this Court may deem proper.

## COUNT V: VIOLATION OF N.Y. CIV. RIGHTS LAW ARTICLE- 5 SECS. 50-52 (AGAINST DN ONLY)

- 38. Paragraphs 1 through 37B are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
- 39. Defendant DN's conduct as aforepleading was unprivileged and violative of N.Y. CIV RIGHTS LAW, SECS 50-51, which statute is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
- 40. New York privacy laws require plaintiff's written consent as a precursor for publishing her picture, especially the SUBJECT ARTICLE picture of plaintiff laid out for millions to view.

41. Defendant DN is liable to plaintiff for violating New York State's privacy statutes.

WHEREFORE, on Count V, plaintiff DIANA LoMORO demands judgment in her favor, and against defendant DAILY NEWS as follows:

- a. For general damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);
  - b. For special damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
- c. For punitive damages, statutory damages and treble damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);
- d. For a published retraction, apology and Order barring defendant TRONC from republication of the SUBJECT ARTICLE in whole or part;
  - e. For interest, reasonable counsel fees and litigation costs;
  - f. For such other relief as this Court may deem proper.

# COUNT VI: VIOLATION OF N.Y. CIV. RIGHTS LAW ARTICLE- 5 SECS. 50-52 (AGAINST TRONC ONLY)

- 42. Paragraphs 1 through 41 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
- 43. Defendant DN's conduct as aforepleading was unprivileged and violative of N.Y. CIV RIGHTS LAW, SECS 50-51, which statute is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and made a part hereof.
- 44. New York privacy laws require plaintiff's written consent as a precursor for publishing her picture, especially the SUBJECT ARTICLE picture of plaintiff laid out for millions to view.

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WHEREFORE, on Count V, plaintiff DIANA LoMORO demands judgment in her favor,

and against defendant DAILY NEWS as follows:

a. For general damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars

(\$75,000.00);

b. For special damages in a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);

c. For punitive damages, statutory damages and treble damages in excess of Seventy-Five

Thousand Dollars (\$75,000);

d. For a published retraction, apology and Order barring defendant TRONC from re-

publication of the SUBJECT ARTICLE in whole or part;

e. For interest, reasonable counsel fees and litigation costs;

f. For such other relief as this Court may deem proper.

Dated: July 16, 2018

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